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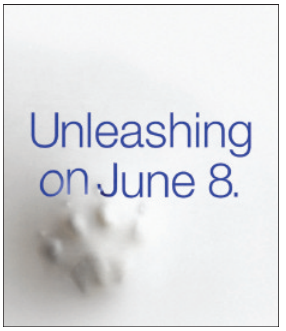

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Gold plate **Look, don't touch**

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Joe Hansen, a guard with Paladin Security, stands watch over a glittery gold billboard installed near Granville Island yesterday. The entire billboard is covered in a thin layer of 22-karat gold. Story, page 6.

Buskers want out late

Neighbours wary as OK sought for longer, louder busking

KYLE FARQUHARSON
for Metro Vancouver

Vancouver buskers are looking to pump up the volume and stay out on the streets later — requests that are being supported by some downtown businesses but not area residents.

The Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association (DVBIA) is petitioning the city to extend busking hours past 10 p.m. and for permission for buskers to enhance sound using amplifiers.

Charles Gauthier, DVBIA executive director, said street performers liven up the city.

"If we don't allow amplification, we run the risk of not having a vibrant busking community," he said.

Gauthier added that buskers have to contend with urban noise, a special challenge without amplification.

The petitioners propose the creation of "busk stops" along Granville Street — or designated areas for entertainers.

"If people didn't appreciate what we do, we wouldn't be making $200 on a rainy day," said busker Paul Clifford, who remarked that Toronto already uses a similar system of designated entertainment zones.

Amanda Kerr, who lives at Seymour and Nelson, just one block away from Granville Street, said she doesn't like the idea at all.

"That would really suck," she said. "The street is noisy enough as it is."

Kerr added that many of her building's occupants already have difficulty sleeping.

YJ Lee, who lives at Smithe and Howe streets, said he's also not a fan of later and louder music.

"It's a bad idea to relax the rules," Lee said. "It (already) gets very loud and I can't sleep at night. The music is really irritating."

No penny for your thoughts?

MONEY A penny saved isn't really a penny earned anymore — in fact, it will probably just gather dust in a jar while taxpayers shell out millions to produce new ones.

That's one of the arguments put forward by politicians meeting yesterday to hash out the costs and benefits of abolishing the copper coin altogether as inflation reduces its value and consumers increasingly use debit or credit cards or do their shopping online.

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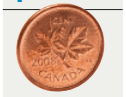

• MP Pat Martin said it costs an estimated 1.5 cents to as much as 4 cents to produce a penny when shipping, distribution and labour costs are factored in.

"It's not the most pressing financial issue facing the nation, but it's a cost-saving measure that's a major irritant to both business and consumers," said Pat Martin, an NDP MP from Winnipeg who tabled a bill in 2008 proposing the elimination of the penny.

The meeting follows a move by Ottawa to begin printing Canada's bills, now made from a cotton-based paper, on a type of plastic. The new notes will be cheaper to produce and last longer.

Other countries, including Australia and New Zealand, have already eliminated their pennies. New Zealand has also eliminated its five-cent coin. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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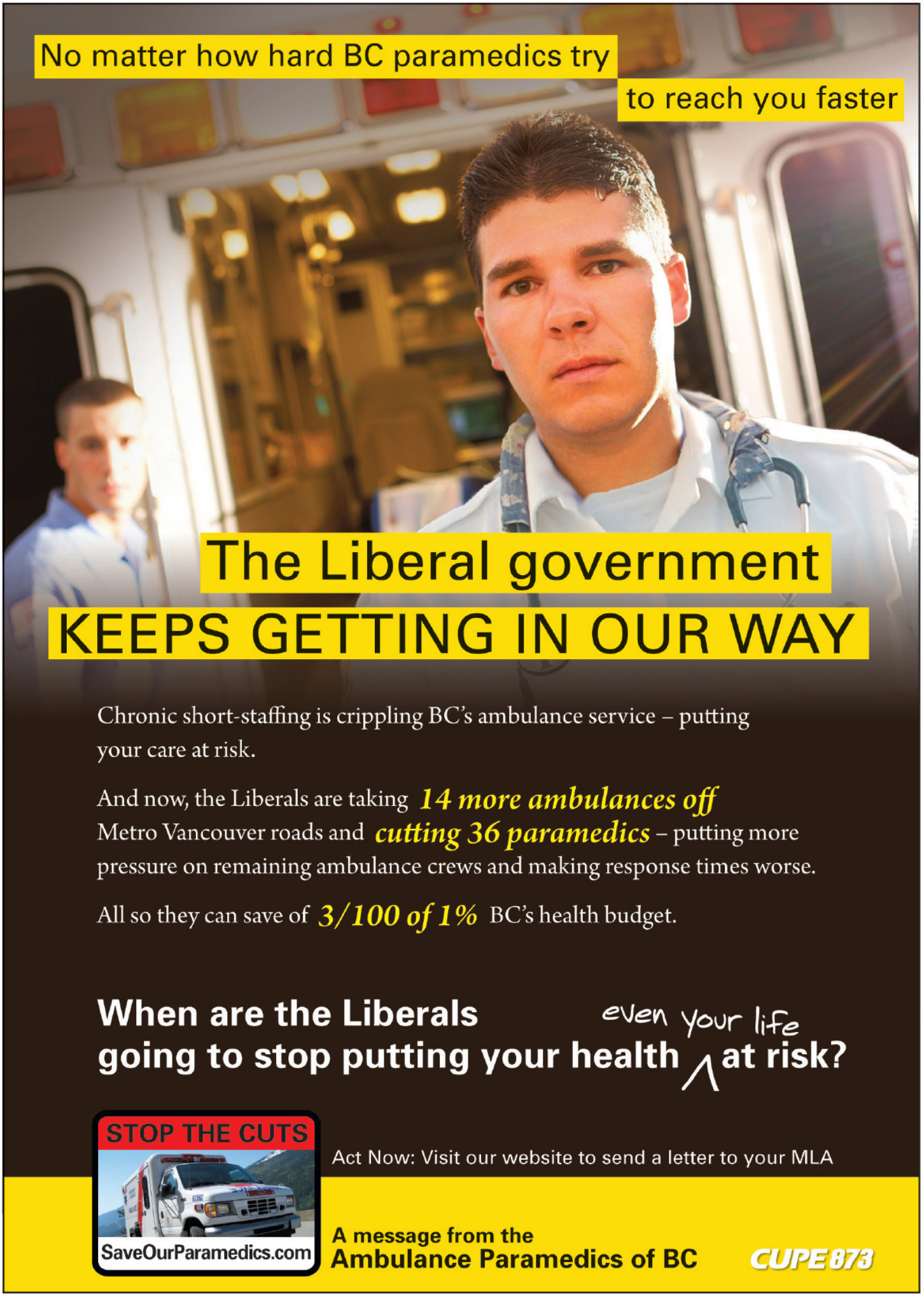
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Cirque du Soleil adds extra shows

Nine additional performances are being added to Cirque du Soleil's Vancouver production from Aug. 17 to 22. Kooza, left, is a return to origins for the company that combines acrobatic performance and the art of clowning. Tickets for the additional shows go on sale this Saturday online at cirquedusoleil.com/kooza or at 1-800-450-1480. METRO VANCOUVER

News in brief

PAROLE Patrick Kelly, a former RCMP officer convicted of throwing his wife off their 17th-floor balcony to her death, has been given full parole. Kelly served his sentence in B.C. and the parole board did not say where he plans to live.

DISEASE A contagious disease that causes cows to spontaneously abort their calves has been detected in three B.C. animals sent to a U.S. slaughterhouse. People can contract undulant fever by drinking unpasteurized milk from infected cows. Symptoms include joint and muscle pain.

SHOOTING Police in Delta are investigating a drive-by shooting at a home in the 9400 block of 120th Street early yesterday morning. Several rounds were fired, breaking some windows, but no injuries were reported.

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Shelley Klassen, designer and CEO of Blushing Boutique, at her downtown Vancouver store yesterday.

Girls just wanna have fun with Sex sequel

SATC-themed celebrations await fans

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For die-hard fans of Sex and the City, attending a screening of the long-awaited sequel film necessitates more than a pair of comfy pants and a box of milk duds — it's a girls' night out experience.

Across Vancouver tonight, women will be donning heels and clinking martini glasses at Sex and the City-themed parties before hailing cabs to the theatre to catch the sequel based on the hit HBO show.

In celebration, Shelley Klassen, designer and CEO of Blushing Boutique, is hosting a soiree tonight that includes some of Carrie, Miranda, Samantha and Charlotte's favourite things — designer shoes, makeup, summer dresses and even rabbit vibrators.

"And cosmos, of course," added Klassen.

Fifteen guests will receive a movie ticket and limo ride to see Sex and the City 2 on Saturday.

"(The show) is so much fun," Klassen said. "We, as modern-day girls, can relate to it ... It's (about) these really strong-minded, independent women. I think we're all a bit like all the characters."

> **"It's a (chance) to celebrate women and fashion."**
> Shelley Klassen, Blushing Boutique

Today and Friday, the Academic, Cinema and the Granville Room pubs will be giving all guests with a ticket stub for the Sex and the City 2 a complimentary cosmopolitan.

There will also be a Best Carrie Bradshaw Outfit competition, with the winner receiving a $100 gift certificate.

"It's a (chance) to celebrate women and fashion," said Klassen. "Just a gaggle of girls having a blast."

March being held in support of Lisa Reimer

TEACHER A walk is being held in Vancouver today in support of a lesbian teacher who claims she was fired because parents complained after her partner had a baby.

March organizer David Butler, who is gay and a teacher, says he believes Lisa Reimer is victim of homophobia.

"Homophobia gets transmitted to students via religious schools, and I do not think public money should be supporting this form of education," Butler said.

Officials at Little Flower Academy have denied firing Reimer. They said she's being paid up to the end of her contract and that Reimer is grading students' work at home. The reason for her absence, the school administration says, is a "personal leave."

Butler said he anticipates today's demonstration will draw 50 to 150 people.

He added that religious schools in Canada are not held accountable for educating students about homophobia.

The march begins at Granville Street and King Edward Avenue at 4 p.m.

KYLE FARQUHARSON/ FOR METRO VANCOUVER

Vancouver places fourth in ranking of life quality

CITIES Vancouver is the fourth-best city in the world in terms of quality of living, according to a global study published yesterday.

Overall top spot on the list Mercer Quality of Living Survey is the Austrian city of Vienna.

Vancouver, highest rated in North America, shares the No. 4 spot with Auckland, New Zealand, in the ranking of 221 cities.

The other Canadian cities in the top 25 are Ottawa at 14, Toronto at 16 and Montreal at 21.

Calgary was No. 28 on the quality of living ranking but got the top spot on a new ecology ranking.

No American city made the top 25 on the Mercer list. Honolulu had the top ranking in the United States at No 31.

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Four officers honoured in Ottawa

Four Vancouver Police Department officers were awarded the Order of Merit by Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean in Ottawa yesterday. Deputy Chief Const. Steve Sweeney, Supt. Al Niedtner, Insp. Dean Robinson and Sgt. Shawn Coady were honoured for exceptional service throughout their careers. METRO VANCOUVER

Fewer report grow-ops: RCMP

DRUGS Fewer people are reporting suspected grow-ops, Richmond RCMP say.

"People aren't sure whether or not they should call the police if they only have a suspicion that a grow-op is next door, however, suspicion alone is enough information to work with," says Cpl. Sherrdean Turley.

Grow-ops pose risks to the people involved as well as future residents of a home, Turley added.

The Richmond RCMP point out that grow-ops often occur in large houses and buildings to support more plants. The exterior of these houses appear like any other and are usually well maintained.

SIMON WILSON/ FOR METRO VANCOUVER

Rare 'natural' coffee set for sale at local roaster

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Coffee lovers in Vancouver will soon get to sip a rare Ethiopian coffee that has sold for as high as $12 a cup in the United States.

Starting Monday, bags of the coffee (12 ounces) will be sold for $30 at 49th Parallel Coffee Roasters café (2152 Fourth Ave.) or through their wholesalers or website.

Barrett Jones, coffee taster at 49th Parallel, said the coffee's scarcity is the reason for its high price.

The Kitsilano-based company is the only one roasting it in Canada.

"It's sort of the baby of this region," said Jones, winner of the 2009 and 2010 Canadian Cup Tasters Championship.

It's also a "natural" coffee, meaning that little or no water is used to removed the coffee cherry from the bean.

Instead the fruit is dried on elevated beds, allowing the fruit to separate naturally.

"For a natural, this one is very clean. It tastes more like a washed coffee than your typical natural.

"The process can also impart a lot of very cool and interesting fruit flavours — red fruit, citrus. It's high acidity, so it's nice and bright."

Charity

- Proceeds from sales will go to Imagine 1 Day, a charity that builds schools in Ethiopia and aims to provide every child there a primary education by 2020.

JEFF HODSON/METRO VANCOUVER

Coffee taster Barrett Jones at the 49th Parallel Coffee Roasters facility in Burnaby yesterday.

Japanese-style hot dog vendor opens shop

SALES Tomorrow, Vancouverites will be able to get off their feet and out of the rain while enjoying their beloved Japadogs when the homegrown franchise opens its first shop.

The wildly popular street-meat franchise, which has two carts in downtown Vancouver, is opening the doors to its long-awaited Robson Street restaurant in time for the weekend, Japadog tweeted. The chain sells hot dogs with a Japanese twist — like teriyaki sauce, edamame, fried cabbage and seaweed — and is eyeing expansion elsewhere. The fast food sensation caught the attention of visitors during the Olympics, when lineups often snaked down the sidewalk at its cart at Burrard and Smithe streets.

Noriki Tamura, who heads the company, told Metro Vancouver at the time that he hopes to eventually have 100 stands across North America and Japan. "There are lots of hotdog stands in Vancouver," he said. "But everything is similar. We (offer) different tastes."

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News in brief

THEFTS Langley RCMP are warning homeowners with property for sale to be wary of thieves posing as would-be buyers after a rash of recent thefts. Suspects have been making off with laptops, jewelry, designer purses and small electronics.

SPEEDING A 67-year-old Vernon truck driver is facing charges after he lost control of his freightliner truck while allegedly speeding along the Trans-Canada Highway near Revelstoke, flipping the vehicle and spilling diesel.

CHARGED One of two men shot and injured in a gunfight on a Nanaimo street has been charged with the shooting death of a third victim. Simon Phillip Dockerill is accused of shooting and killing 47-year-old John Charles Borden.

FIRE Students of a Nanaimo elementary school got an unexpected mid-week holiday yesterday after someone set fire to their school. The fire burned books and the sprinkling system flooded classrooms and the gymnasium, causing around $50,000 in damage. No suspects have been found.

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New jailbird Emery a-Twitter

Vancouver's Prince of Pot, Marc Emery, has started tweeting about life behind bars in Seattle. "Feeling better after getting commissary items yesterday," he tweeted yesterday. "Deodorant, soap, shampoo and other basic things really improve life behind bars." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Thieves beware: Sign would be fools' gold

The 22-karat gold leaf covering a Vancouver billboard is so thin that an attempt to steal it would leave thieves red-faced and lacking King Midas's touch.

"(The gold) is so thin that if you tried to hack away at it, it would disintegrate into thin air," said Carson Ting, art director for Rethink Communications, who came up with the idea.

The billboard was unveiled yesterday at the entrance to Granville Island. It will remain there, under 24-hour guard, until tomorrow morning when it will be packed up and moved to Science World as part of a new exhibit.

But just because the gold, which Ting estimated was worth between $6,000 and $7,000, is unstealable, doesn't mean organizers aren't taking precautions.

> **"If you tried to hack away at it, it would disintegrate into thin air."**
> Carson Ting

A Paladin Security guard will watch over the sign until its removal to prevent it being damaged.

Brian Dedora, a master guilder, crafted the sign over a week and a half from a 20-metre-long roll of gold leaf.

A mere 1.98 ounces of gold covered the entire 200-square-foot sign.

"It essentially tells you how unbelievably malleable gold is," Dedora said.

"The gold leaf that we are using is less than one 250,000th of an inch thick ... it's thinner than paper."

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Captain of sunk ferry petitioning for job back

LABOUR The captain of a B.C. ferry who led the evacuation off the sinking Queen of the North four years ago is petitioning the court for his job back.

Colin Henthorne's petition against BC Ferries and the province's workers compensation board is the latest in a series of legal cases — including criminal charges, financial settlements and an ongoing class-action lawsuit — stemming from the March 2006 disaster that left two passengers dead.

Henthorne was fired 10 months after the sinking.

He challenged his dismissal, saying he was being persecuted for questioning BC Ferries' safety record and was reinstated by the province's workers' compensation board last year.

But he was fired again this past March when the board's appeal tribunal ruled in favour of BC Ferries. Henthorne claims he was fired because during investigations into the sinking, he complained about poor safety conditions on the Queen of the North and other BC Ferries ships, an allegation the company has denied.

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News in brief

CHARGES Abbotsford police have charged a 20-year-old man with invitation to sexual touching in connection with "a relationship he formed" with a 14-year-old boy through a social networking website. Jeffrey Goddard also allegedly met the boy face-to-face and spoke with him over the phone.

STABBING The Surrey teenager charged with murder in the stabbing death of another girl made her first court appearance in Vancouver yesterday. Katey Renieta Gonzales, 18, is accused of fatally stabbing Angela Qiu, 17, at a house party last week. Gonzales next appears in court on June 10. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Bottled water gets a passing grade — sort of
A laboratory that tested several brands of bottled water from Ontario and Quebec found many contained high levels of one class of bacteria, but even the researchers say such bugs are unlikely to cause harm. Researchers found more than 70 per cent of 10 bottled water products had heterotrophic bacteria levels that exceeded the limit. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Crowding into Canada

A new study says Canada's population could exceed 40 million by 2036. And Statistics Canada says that as baby-boomers turn 65, the number of senior citizens could more than double, outnumbering children for the first time. Growth would be higher than the national average in Ontario and B.C., likely because of immigration. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Group of Seven work nabs $2.8M at auction

HEFFEL AUCTION HOUSE Fears over the European debt crisis did little to dissuade art connoisseurs at a Vancouver auction yesterday, where works by Group of Seven artist Lawren Harris sparked seven-figure bidding wars.

Harris' Bylot Island I, an oil-on-canvas Arctic landscape painted in the 1930s, attracted a high bid of $2.4 million and sold for $2,808,000 after the 17 per cent buyer premium.

"An Arctic Lawren Harris is one of the rarest commodities in the Canadian art world," said David Heffel, president of the Heffel auction house. The work fetched the fourth-highest price for a Canadian painting sold at auction.

Also on the block, B.C. artist Bill Reid's bronze killer whale sculpture sold for $702,000. Killer Whale (Chief of the Undersea World) was created in 1984, in which Reid envisions the orca inhabiting both the natural and mythological worlds.

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News in brief

GIANT CULL More than 71,000 coyotes that had a bounty on their heads have been killed in Saskatchewan. The government offered hunters, farmers and ranchers $20 for every dead coyote.

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Tot's death **Mom on probation**

ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jane Elizabeth Gomes leaves court in Halifax yesterday after being sentenced to six months probation in the 2009 death of her infant daughter. Under a plea bargain, Gomes pleaded guilty to a charge of failing to provide the necessities of life for her seven-week old baby. Her former partner is charged with manslaughter in the child's death.

Poll shows Canadians think MPs break rules

Public backing auditor general in expenses furor

A new poll suggests Canadians, in effect, support auditor general Sheila Fraser in her quest to make MPs come clean on expenses.

The Canadian Press Harris-Decima survey indicates Canadians now overwhelmingly believe their members of Parliament are breaking the rules on expense claims.

The poll is bad news for MPs who have collectively rejected a request by Fraser to examine half a billion dollars in annual spending.

The poll of just over 1,000 respondents found that 80 per cent believe it likely MPs are claiming expenses against the rules, and just 12 per cent think it unlikely.

Fully 85 per cent of those surveyed said they were concerned about the MPs' refusal to let Fraser look at their books

Meanwhile, it appears MPs are finally acknowledging they have a huge, collective, public-relations problem.

It appears MPs of all stripes got an earful about expenses from people back home during last week's House of Commons break.

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff says his party has written to Commons Speaker Peter Milliken asking that Fraser be given a new opportunity to explain her proposed audit of half a billion dollars in annual spending.

"I think there has been some misunderstanding ... of what she intended," said Ignatieff.

"She clarified that quite a lot."

In a series of media interviews this week, the auditor general said she has "better things to do than look for $4 cups of coffee."

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MPs rebuffed Sheila Fraser when she tried to probe expenses. But now they realize they have a public relations problem.

Teen pregnancy rate drops by 36.9%: council

GROWING UP The rate of teen pregnancies in Canada dropped 36.9 per cent between 1996 and 2006, according to research by the Sex Information and Education Council of Canada.

The teen pregnancy rate also dropped 25 per cent in the U.S. during the same period, and 4.75 per cent in England and Wales.

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Parents head to court in a bid to unmask daughter's Facebook tormentors.

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Protesters hope to send Trump's plan into rough

Protesters opposed to Donald Trump's planned $1.5-billion Scottish golf resort say they've pulled a trick shot out of their bag. Michael Forbes, who has refused to sell his land to the tycoon, has instead sold an acre to protesters. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Greek road closed by 'carpet of frogs'

Greek officials say a horde of frogs forced the closure of a key northern highway for two hours yesterday. Traffic police chief Giorgos Thanoglou said "millions" of the amphibians covered the tarmac near the town of Langadas, some 20 kilometres east of Thessaloniki. "There was a carpet of frogs," he said. Authorities closed the highway after three car drivers skidded off the road trying to dodge the frogs. No human injuries were reported. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Clinton fully backs South Korea on visit

SEOUL U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said yesterday the world must respond to the "unacceptable provocation" represented by the sinking of a South Korean warship blamed on Pyongyang, as the regime unleashed more blistering rhetoric against Seoul and Washington.

Tension on the divided Korean peninsula has risen dramatically since international investigators said last week that a torpedo fired by a North Korean submarine tore apart and sank the South Korean warship Cheonan March 26, killing 46 sailors.

Relations between North and South are at their lowest point in a decade.

"This was an unacceptable provocation by North Korea, and the international community has a responsibility and a duty to respond," Clinton told reporters in Seoul, the final leg of a three-nation Asian tour. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rig worker: BP took 'shortcuts'

Senior managers complained oil giant BP was "taking shortcuts" by replacing heavy drilling fluid with saltwater in the well that blew out, triggering the massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, according to witness statements obtained by The Associated Press.

Truitt Crawford, a roustabout for drilling rig owner Transocean LTD, told coast guard investigators about the complaints. The seawater, which would have provided less weight to contain surging pressure from the ocean depths, was being used to prepare for dropping a final blob of cement into the well.

"I overheard upper management talking, saying that BP was taking shortcuts by displacing the well with saltwater instead of mud without sealing the well with cement plugs, this is why it blew out," Crawford said in his statement. A spokesman for BP, which was leasing the rig Deepwater Horizon when it exploded April 20, killing 11 workers and triggering a massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, declined to comment.

Meanwhile, the statements from workers ahead of a hearing in New Orleans yesterday and a U.S. congressional memo about a BP internal investigation of the blast indicated warning signs were ignored. Tests less than an hour before the well blew out found a buildup of pressure that was an "indicator of a very large abnormality," BP's investigator said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Latest attempt to plug gusher

- BP started pumping heavy mud into the leaking Gulf of Mexico well yesterday and said everything was going as planned in the company's boldest attempt yet to plug the gusher that has spewed millions of gallons of oil over the last five weeks. BP chief executive Tony Hayward said it would be at least 24 hours before officials know whether the attempt has been successful.

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New York **Record ink**

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Julia Gnuse, the Guinness World Record holder for the most tattooed woman in the world, shows off some of her head-to-toe tattoos yesterday in New York.

News in brief

BIRTH CONTROL The pill is still the No. 1 contraceptive for American women, but it's even more popular in other industrialized countries. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention yesterday released its first report comparing contraception among countries. Sixteen per cent of U.S. married women say they use the pill. That compares with 22 per cent in the United Kingdom, 24 per cent in Australia, and more than 40 per cent in European nations such as the Netherlands, France and Portugal. But sterilization was much more popular in the United States than in six other countries. About one in four U.S. married women have had the procedure. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Facebook to simplify privacy controls

TECH Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg thinks he's finally found a solution to the site's privacy woes.

Yesterday, Zuckerberg announced modifications that will allow Facebook users to choose whether to share information with friends only, with friends of friends, or with everyone.

The settings will work retroactively with previous posts.

"Now we feel like we have the privacy model that's going to help us scale the service to millions and millions of more people and this is the end of the overhaul that we're doing," Zuckerberg said during a conference call.

Users can also access advanced settings to further customize exactly what is shared and how widely.

The site's engineers have tinkered with privacy settings over the last several months, sparking a backlash from users.

"It seems like a lot of people right now are upset with us over these changes and I take that really seriously."
Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg

Zuckerberg also said he took user complaints to heart.

"We really think about the trust issues — I do think about it. It seems like a lot of people right now are upset with us over these changes and I take that really seriously," he said.

"We always want to serve everyone as best as possible." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Apple getting attention from Justice Department over iTunes
The U.S. Justice Department is making preliminary inquiries into Apple Inc.'s business practices regarding its iTunes digital music service. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Business

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Damage control for tech maker

Foxconn Technology Group showed off a motherboard factory, swimming pool and a hotline centre for workers with emotional problems yesterday as the giant company — maker of iPods and other popular gadgets — tried to repair an image damaged by a spate of employee suicides in China.

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The parents of a Foxconn employee who died in January display a portrait of their son as journalists gather at the giant Foxconn plant in Shenzen yesterday.

The company's media-shy chairman, Terry Gou, repeatedly apologized for the 10 deaths this year and told reporters the firm would do everything possible to prevent more suicides. Nets were put on buildings to stop people from jumping, and about 100 mental health counsellors were being trained.

Gou said he has been having trouble sleeping at night because of the suicides, the latest one reported Tuesday when a 19-year-old man jumped from a building after working at the plant for about a month. The tour with six busloads of journalists went through the palm tree-lined streets of the sprawling factory complex in the southern city of Shenzhen, north of Hong Kong.

The walled-in industrial park employs 300,000 workers and looks more like a small city with fast-food restaurants, bakeries, Bank of China branches and towering dormitories for workers.

Foxconn was trying to address allegations from labour groups that the workers were killing themselves because of hellish conditions in the factories, which churn out iPhones, Dell computers, Nokia mobile phones and many other big-selling electronics.

Critics allege Foxconn manages its plants with a strict military approach and workers must work too much overtime on assembly lines that move too fast. Gou insisted the vast majority of workers were happy, and too much attention was being given to the troubled few.

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Raise interest rates now, OECD urges

STIMULUS The Bank of Canada should start raising interest rates immediately so the economy doesn't become overstimulated, according to a leading international economic agency.

The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development said yesterday that the central bank should tighten its policy lending rate gradually, but without delay. Temporary stimulus measures such as low interest rates could overstimulate the economy if left in place for too long, the organization said.

"To build credibility, (governments) should flesh out recently announced fiscal consolidation plans, focusing on spending reductions, and embark on the structural reforms these plans require," the OECD wrote in its twice-yearly economic outlook report.

The Bank of Canada hinted in April that it could begin to raise its key lending rate from its historical low of 0.25 per cent as soon as June 1. However, fears that debt troubles in Europe could slow the economic recovery have raised speculation that the central bank may hold off until later in the year. The OECD predicted that Canada's economy will grow by 3.6 per cent this year and 3.2 per cent in 2011.

The OECD said the pace of Canada's recovery is expected to moderate going forward as stimulus measures are withdrawn, manufacturers finish rebuilding inventories and households pay down debt. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Business in brief

TECH The iPad goes on sale in Canada on Friday morning and will be available at Best Buy and Future Shop stores, in addition to Apple's retail shops. There are sure to be lineups Friday morning at Apple's 16 stores in Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec, which will open early at 8 a.m. Best Buy and Future Shop will also have the iPad at stores across the country, but quantities will be limited. The Wi-Fi models with 16, 32 and 64 gigabytes of storage are priced at $549, $649 and $749. The 3G models will sell for $679, $779 and $879, respectively.

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Comment

Practise random acts of kindness

Relating

There seems to be something a bit futile in the scientific study of human relationships. Countless very smart people bring real scientific rigour to bear the subject, but often attain no more insight than the average pop song or episode of Oprah.

This week's example: A study out of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, published in the June issue of Personal Relationships, suggests the key to happy coupledom may be simple gratitude.

Researchers studied 67 couples who had been together for at least three months and had each partner keep a nightly diary for two weeks, detailing favours they did for the other, as well as favours the other did for them along with their emotional responses.

These being real couples, the kindnesses that participants recorded went undetected almost half the time, but when they actually noticed and felt gratitude, there was a strong correlation with feelings of connectedness.

So there you go. Be nice to each other, don't take each other's niceness for granted and everything should be, uh, nice.

It may sound like the latest findings from the Centre for the Study of the Crashingly Obvious, but much of the research into relationships is aimed either at proving or disproving the folk wisdom we've been relying on for generations to keep the peace between us.

And this is far from the first study linking gratitude to a stronger relationship, and to happiness in general, a condition that seems most easily achieved by those who are in the habit of counting their blessings.

The researchers made a distinction between actual feelings of gratitude and a mere sense of indebtedness or obligation, which, while it will serve to keep a couple together, doesn't form the same Krazy Glue emotional bond between them.

The kindnesses, this study found, didn't have to be over-the-top: "Events such as one partner planning a celebratory meal when the other partner gets a promotion, taking the children to the zoo so the other partner can have some quiet time, or stopping to pick up the other partner's favourite coffee are each benefits to the recipient."

The glow from such small gestures, the study's authors said, lasted up to a day afterwards, and both partners benefited.

While these findings may not comprise an Earth-shaking development in relationship science, they are nonetheless heartening. Instead of racking your brain to find the perfect romantic gesture, it seems, you can do each other a lot of good with accumulated, habitual little kindnesses — and you could start right now.

Steve Collins offers his best guesses on relationships for Metro every two weeks.

Views

Summer's four-letter word: The bikini

FourthWave

It's bikini season.

Two words certain to strike fear into the heart of pretty much any woman.

Being too skinny, too fat, too curvy or too insert-adjective-here has always been a tender topic. But we have tended to talk about body image as an issue for non-feminists — as in, how can feminists help women get over their hang-ups? — without talking about it in personal terms.

I should know — I cycle, run, practise yoga regularly, and look and feel good. But guess what? The idea of buying a bathing suit starts the engine of socially conditioned self-doubt — my thighs are too jiggly, my gut a bit too soft. And, all of sudden, I'm considering signing up for boot camp.

"The idea of buying a bathing suit starts the engine of socially conditioned self-doubt ..."

And it's not just me. Several friends (feminist, too!) have signed up for all manner of classes with flowery, pandering names like Flirtygirl Fabulously Firm or Booty-Camp. The only thing missing is a pink cosmopolitan after the workout.

Am I betraying my feminist sensibilities? Magazine cover models are Photoshopped to hell. Being too skinny is unhealthy. I fear I'm perpetuating an artificially created standard for women by wanting to look a certain way.

My mind and body are at war.

Maybe I shouldn't be surprised. It's one thing to affirm in our heads that we're fine just the way we are, but it's another to know it in our hearts — and that's as true for feminist women as it is for women who would never define themselves using the F word.

Coming to terms with this may prove to be harder than any amount of pull-ups or push-ups.

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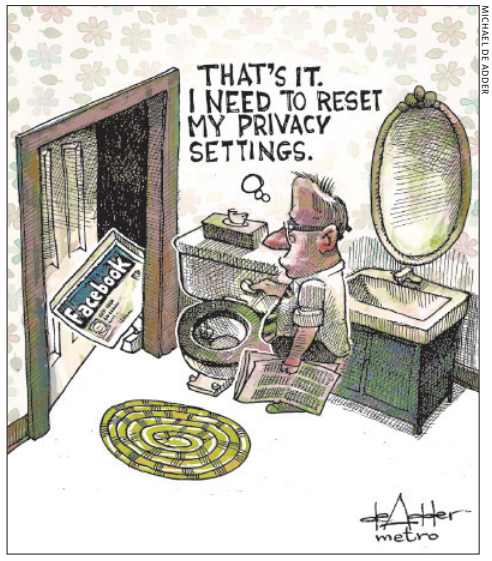

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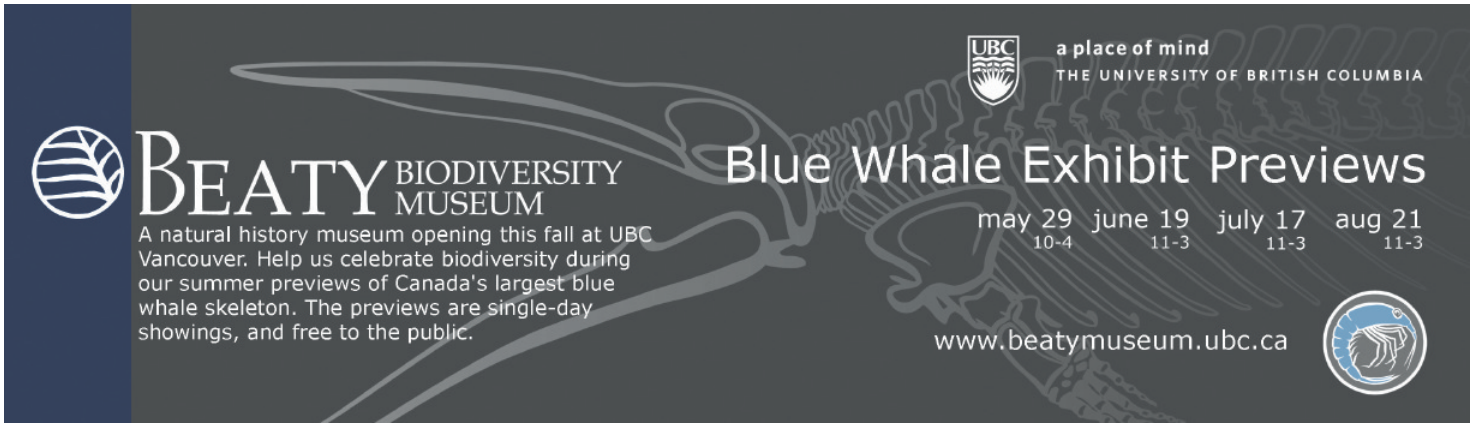

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Vikings' Allen loses mullet

Jared Allen has cut his mullet. The all-pro defensive end for the Minnesota Vikings showed off his new trim in a video and photo posted this week on the team's website. Allen also wrote an update Tuesday on his Twitter feed, confirming he got the cut for his upcoming wedding. Allen said the mullet is not "just some hair" but "a lifestyle!" THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

IndyCars may get new look

The IndyCar Series may be going futuristic by 2012. Drivers could be racing cars that look more like landspeeders from Star Wars or something that looks like it came out of Batman or Speed Racer. A committee is reviewing the new designs, including the Delta Wing concept car at left, and five manufacturers are vying to build the next generation of IndyCars. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 6 p.m.

PLAYOFF SCORING LEADERS

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Anthony, DEN	6	64	50	184	30.7
James, CLE	11	106	88	320	29.1
Bryant, LAL	14	144	89	404	28.9
Rose, CHI	5	57	18	134	26.8

Comeback continues

(Celtics lead series 3-2)

Celtics 92 **Magic** 113

Not ready to go home just yet, the only place the Orlando Magic are headed is back to Boston.

Halfway to history.

Taking another step toward overcoming an improbable 3-0 series deficit, Dwight Howard had 21 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Magic to a 113-92 victory over the Celtics last night in Game 5 of the Eastern Conference finals.

"We just all believe," guard Jameer Nelson said. "We all believe. We know we can do it, one game at a time."

A series that looked like a sweep a few days ago now has the Celtics taking a slim 3-2 lead into a pressure-packed Game 6 in Boston tomorrow night.

The Celtics are facing the possibility of playing it without Kendrick Perkins after their starting centre picked up his seventh technical foul of the playoffs, a mandatory suspension unless it is overturned.

No NBA team has won a series after losing the first three games.

Only four times in the history of North American major pro sports leagues has a team won a playoff series after losing the first three games. Such comebacks are something Boston fans know all too well.

It has happened three times in the NHL, and once in baseball, when the Boston Red Sox came back to beat the New York Yankees in the 2004 AL championship series.

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Jameer Nelson, front, of the Orlando Magic drives against Rajon Rondo of the Boston Celtics in Game 5 of the Eastern Conference finals at Amway Arena yesterday in Orlando, Fla.

Defeat sinks Whitecaps

SOCCER The Montreal Impact stuck it to the Vancouver Whitecaps once again.

The Impact eliminated the Whitecaps from contention in the Nutrilite Canadian Championship for a second year in a row by playing them to a 1-1 draw last night in front of 10,959 at Saputo Stadium.

The result means Toronto FC will be the Canadian representative at the three year-old CONCACAF Champions League tournament for a second straight year, while Vancouver remains the only Canadian club never to have participated.

Whitecaps midfielder Ansu Toure broke a scoreless draw in the 50th minute of play, but the Impact responded on a goal by Philippe Billy in the 62nd minute.

"We controlled a large portion of the game," said Vancouver captain Martin Nash. "We got the lead, but unfortunately didn't cover around and he made a great shot. It's disappointing to give up that open look."

The Whitecaps needed a victory to remain alive in the tournament, but the draw renders its final game of the Canadian championship in Toronto on June 2 a moot point.

"I'm extremely disappointed," Whitecaps coach Teitur Thordarsson said. "We played well, we played extremely well against Toronto also (a 0-0 tie on May 19). It was a game we could have won and it was the same here today."

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Sports in brief

HOCKEY The hockey sweater worn during one of Canada's greatest sporting moments is on the auction block. Paul Henderson wore the scuffed-up, stick-marked jersey when he buried the winning goal in the 1972 Summit Series against the former Soviet Union. The president of a Montreal-area auction house says Henderson's jersey could be the most valuable piece of hockey memorabilia of all time. Classic Auctions president Marc Juteau expects the heavy-knit artifact to fetch more than a Bobby Orr rookie sweater that was recently auctioned off for nearly $200,000.

TENNIS Top-ranked Roger Federer endured one tense set and two rain delays before eliminating Alejandro Falla of Colombia 7-6 (4), 6-2, 6-4 in the second round of the French Open on Wednesday.

NHL Flyers goalie Brian Boucher returned to practice after suffering a knee injury and hopes he can back up Michael Leighton in the Stanley Cup final. Boucher was Philadelphia's post-season starter until he sprained a ligament in his left knee in Game 5 of the Eastern Conference semifinals.

CYCLING The International Cycling Union has asked its national members in four countries — including Canada — to investigate riders and officials based on claims of doping made by Floyd Landis. The UCI said that ordering the probes did not "in any way" imply it believes Landis' accusations.

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Shoe discounts this weekend

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Style

Luck be a lady

Inspired by her work on the Sex and the City 2 movie, costume designer Patricia Field — a longtime Payless Shoe Source partner — has designed a sparkly four leaf clover necklace for the North American shoe and accessories retail chain. The charm hangs from a delicate 18-inch chain and retails at $16.99 at stores across the country while supplies last. The necklace is the first of additional charmed items to come from the Patricia Field-Payless collaboration.

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Music fest gear

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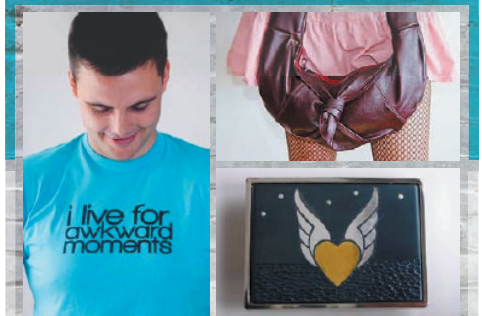

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Mega **modern**

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Simple, balanced, clean, classic, uncluttered.

Modern design, which revolves around simplistic and unique decor that flows easily and orderly from room to room, typically involves these key traits.

Toronto interior designer Renee Shostack says modern design begins with the shell. "If you have a house that has blue carpeting or wallpaper, you are never going to get a modern look," says Shostack, whose company, The Added Touch, specializes in transforming homes into modern Meccas.

Shostack says home owners must begin with paint and floor colours that are consistent throughout.

"You can't change floors — tile here, wood here. You have to have one universal, solid look."

Modern doesn't necessarily mean white floor to ceiling, although all-white art galleries are common, as the perfect background for contemporary art. Limit colours and emphasize white, greys and black — or choose one accent colour and stick to it.

The Chelsea Leather Bed makes a statement of classic modernity, mixed with ample helpings of comfort. The solid frame is covered from head (board) to foot in bycast leather. The padded headboard makes reading or breakfast in bed comfortable. White, brown or black. Urban Barn, Queen $1,199; King $1,399, urbanbarn.com.

Cool down this summer with the transparent Thilde Coffee Table ($549) and Side Table ($399). Made from tempered glass, their soft lines and cool surfaces are a winning combination of icy minimalism and urban chic. Urban Barn, urbanbarn.com.

The Parker Spirits Cabinet's two bar-top leaves flip open to perch drinks and snacks, while revealing generous bottle storage. Front door drops down to create an open serving area. Crate & Barrel, $329, crateandbarrel.com.

The Meryl Floor Lamp goes over and above modern expectations, suspending a geometric two-tier shade in crisp white cotton blend from a satin nickel-finished arch. A round grey marble base adds a classic touch. Crate & Barrel, $349.95, crateandbarrel.com.

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Function is fabulous

Make the most out of your laundry room by building in a work space. Place a countertop over front-loading appliances to make the perfect folding station. Open shelving to house your detergent keeps them close by. NEWS CANADA

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Lost fans tune in

Canadian fans of the program Lost were out in full force on Sunday, glued to their television screens as the epic series came to a sensational close. CTV reports that the two-hour retrospective that preceded the Lost finale drew an audience of 1.5 million viewer. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Entertainment

Pen pals

Sarah Palin is complaining about her new neighbour — a writer penning a book about her. Author Joe McGinniss moved into the house next to Palin's home in Wasilla, Alaska. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Sex sequel a bloated affair

Sex and the City 2

Director: Michael Patrick King
Stars: Sarah Jessica Parker, Kim Cattrall
Classification: 18A
Rating: ⊕⊕½

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Although Sex and the City 2 will surely draw a comparative sum to its highly successful big-screen predecessor, someone should've thrown an "interfriendtion" for this TV hit-turned-franchise.

At over 140 minutes, this bloated, self-indulgent flick may fulfill a few fantasies (especially if you ever wanted to visit the Middle East and meet a Danish dude driving aimlessly in a Humvee through the desert) but as a film, it's uninspired.

Set two years after Carrie's (Sarah Jessica Parker) marriage in the first film, the Manhattan-based novelist becomes disillusioned by the fact Big (Chris Noth) is settling into domestic life. How fortunate then that she and the girls are invited by perpetual floozy Samantha (Kim Cattrall) on a trip to Abu Dhabi to reflect on their respective crises through cocktails, shopping and occasionally offending the locals with unwelcome acts of sexual freedom.

Carrie and co. return in Sex and the City 2.

Filmmaker Michael Patrick King may be trying to send a message, and indeed Samantha publicly latching onto a dude's crotch at the hotel pool exhibits sexual liberation, but the free-thinking-American-in-Abu Dhabi schtick ends up more arrogant than enlightening.

Nevertheless, this sequel isn't just about cultural disparity. King shovels a slew of double entendres that will sneak giggles from most female fans. But his script is too lean where it works best: When characters are paired-off in vulnerable conversation about the hardships of motherhood or marriage and not when they're busy asking the hotelier if a visiting soccer team "brought their balls."

Still, fans will get what they likely crave — a flashy gay wedding, the return of an ex-boyfriend and Liza Minnelli singing a rendition of Beyoncé's Single Ladies that almost made me nostalgic for Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel. Almost.

Sex and the City 2 screen times today

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Julie Walking Home

Miranda Otto rises above a weak script to shine in this 2002 drama as a Canadian wife and mother who's dealt a double blow: Her husband (William Fichtner) is cheating, and her son (Ryan Smith) has cancer. She goes abroad to consult a faith healer (Lothaire Bluteau) recommended by her father's fiancee. His powers appear to work on the boy, but things go downhill after he and Julie become lovers. 6 PM on BVO

100 Questions

In this new sitcom, hoping finally to find Mr. Right, Charlotte Payne (Sophie Winkleman) joins an online dating site and takes a compatibility test. Each question leads her to recount a poignant or funny time in her life with her friends (Smith Cho, Collette Wolfe, Christopher Moynihan, David Walton), turning the questionnaire into a journey of self-discovery. Michael Benjamin Washington also stars in the series premiere, "What Brought You Here?" 8:30 PM on NBC CITY

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Bland return of STP

Stone Temple Pilots

Album: Stone Temple Pilots
Label: Atlantic/Warner
Rating: ⊕⊕

A LOT HAS happened in the nine years since Stone Temple Pilots's last record was released. There have been new bands, feuds and stints in drug rehab, but somehow Scott Weiland and the DeLeo brothers have put that behind them to release a new STP record. If only they had stayed separated. This disc is mostly made up of — not surprisingly — bland '90s-era rock. Weiland unfortunately channels Dylan on Between the Lines, while other songs, including Huckleberry. Crumble, dabble in bar band blues. There are some meaty riffs and they do sound like a cohesive group that's having fun, but this is a long way off from the foursome's successful Vasoline days.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Stone Temple Pilots' first new album in nine years is mostly made up of bland '90s-era rock.

Janelle Monae

Album: The ArchAndroid
Label: Warner
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕⊕

THE PREMISE IS kind of silly, but, at times, the music is ultra cool. The ArchAndroid is a continuation of the sci-fi hip-hopera Janelle Monae introduced with her debut LP Metropolis. It's hard to imagine that anyone actually buys this stuff in order to follow the latest chapter in Metropolis' fight for freedom from the evil Great Divide. On the other hand, you may be interested in finding out what Outkast's Big Boi has been doing lately. He's featured on Tightrope, the very fine first single off this intriguing record. There's a wonderfully organic voodoo-jazz thing running throughout that keeps The ArchAndroid's futuristic themes firmly grounded in the culture of '50s America.

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Time to swoon
Mega-Canadian sensation Michael Bublé is coming to Vancouver this summer. The concert takes place at General Motors Place on Aug. 20 at 8 p.m. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Scene&Heard

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A world of new music

GEN HANDLEY
for Metro Vancouver

When asked what's the most popular misconception about the Vancouver Folk Music Festival, managing director Linda Tanaka answers quickly.

"I think that some people believe that it's all folk music, but there are so many other genres," Tanaka explains.

"It's music for everyone — it's for the folks," she adds.

After an impressive 33 years of bringing new artists and sounds to Jericho Beach, the festival continues the tradition from July 16 until July 18. The roughly 60 musicians and groups scheduled to perform include the The Avett Brothers, a self-described "punkgrass" trio from North Carolina, Bassekou Kouyate & Ngoni Ba, a group from Mali, Africa that will sure to make the banjo-like ngoni a hit in Vancouver as well as local troubador Steve Dawson, who grew up in Vancouver and is receiving global recognition for his skills with a guitar.

"It's really a festival where you can discover new music and cultures," Tanaka says.

Like last year, children who are 12 years old and younger can experience this new music free of charge. Tanaka says this aligns with the festival's mandate of creating a truly family-friendly environment.

"It's just a great gathering of people where everyone can have a good time," she says.

Unlike last year, another evening stage will be added, showcasing more music than the previous years.

"I hope it gives people the opportunity to wander at night and experience more music," Tanaka says. "It adds another dimension to the night-time experience."

This experience, however, does have some challenges. Tanaka says that the festival has experienced some significant funding cuts over the past couple of years.

"We didn't receive any gaming funding last year or this year," she says. "We've experienced a lot of cuts and that's just forced us to rethink how to be sustainable."

But despite the decrease in funding, Tanaka and the folk fest team have adapted and this year's lineup is a testament to that.

"There's so much diversity in our lineup this year and I think our audience will enjoy that," Tanaka says. "I know I will."

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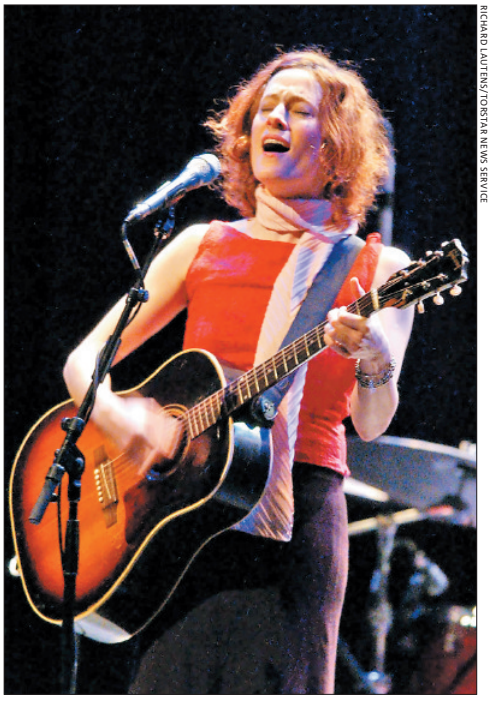
- Vancouver Early Music Festival: July 25 — Aug. 14



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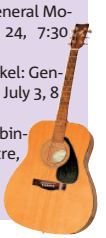
Singer-songwriter Sarah Harmer is scheduled to perform.

Summer concerts

- Eagles: Pacific Coliseum, June 1, 7:30 p.m.
- Sting with the Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra: The Centre In Vancouver For Performing Arts, June 2, 8 p.m.
- Nickelback with Breaking Benjamin, Shinedown and Sick Puppies: General Motors Place, June 3, 6:15 p.m.
- Steel Panther: Commodore Ballroom, June 3, 8 p.m.
- Xavier Rudd: Malkin Bowl, June 4, 6 p.m.
- Three Dog Night: Red Robinson Show Theatre, June 4, 8 p.m.
- Kaskade: Commodore Ballroom, June 4/5, 9 p.m.
- ZZ Top: UBC Thunderbird Arena, June 5, 8 p.m.
- Powerman 5000 featuring Guests: The Rickshaw Theatre, June 6, 7 p.m.
- Nam Jin: Red Robinson Show Theatre, June 6, 7:30 p.m.
- The Misfits: Rickshaw Theatre, June 7, 8 p.m.
- Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers; General Motors Place, June 8, 7:30 p.m.
- Woods with Special Guests: The Media Club, June 8, 9 p.m.
- A Flock of Seagulls: Cascades Casino, June 10, 8 p.m.
- Dionne Warwick: River Rock Show Theatre, June 12, 8 p.m.
- Metric: Malkin Bowl, June 13, 5:30 p.m.
- Boz Scaggs: River Rock Show Theatre, June 18, 8 p.m.
- The Gaslamp Killer with Special Guests: 560 Seymour (the new Richards), June 18, 10 p.m.
- The Offspring: PNE Forum, June 23, 6 p.m.
- Iron Maiden: General Motors Place, June 24, 7:30 p.m.
- Simon & Garfunkel: General Motors Place, July 3, 8 p.m.
- Blondie: Red Robinson Show Theatre, Aug. 13, 8 p.m.



The Bard: Doing great things for 21 years

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Bard on the Beach celebrates its 21st season this summer.

This season from June 3 to September 25, the red and white tents will once again don the scenic waterfront setting of Vanier Park for Bard on the Beach, a Shakespeare Festival going 21 years strong.

The festival's artistic director Christopher Gaze says a friend recently made a comment, what could be said to be a telltale sign that Bard has really done something great for the theatre scene in Vancouver.

"If you had said 40 years ago that in the year 2010 we would have a profoundly successful and high quality Shakespeare festival with nearly 100,000 people a year who come to see it, he would have said 'Wow. Are you sure?' But that's what we have now."

Gaze brings seasoned experience to the helm of the not-for-profit organization and says this year's plays are a rich and varied selection with Much Ado About Nothing, Antony and Cleopatra, Henry V, and Falstaff, an adaptation of Henry IV, Parts I and II.

Last summer, Bard celebrated its one millionth patron and Gaze says the festival that he founded has come a long way from its humble beginnings back in 1990 when they put on one show in a rented tent with $35,000.

The budget has now grown to almost $4 million with an average capacity of 98.2 per cent in the last three years with about 225 performances per season, says Gaze.

"What Bard has accomplished is astonishing. An amazing success story in the arts in this city, in this country, or anywhere for that matter," Gaze says. "It's become a high quality event."

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Sunday, June 6, 2010

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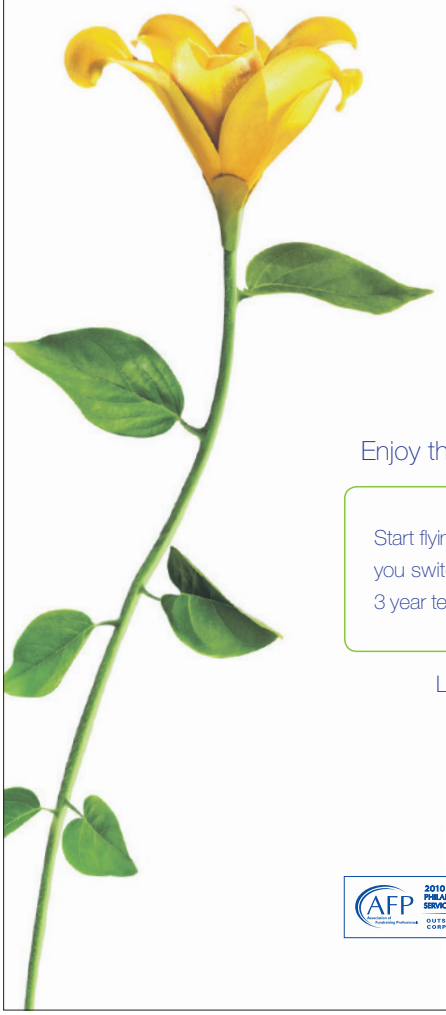

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Scene&Heard

Keeping words alive

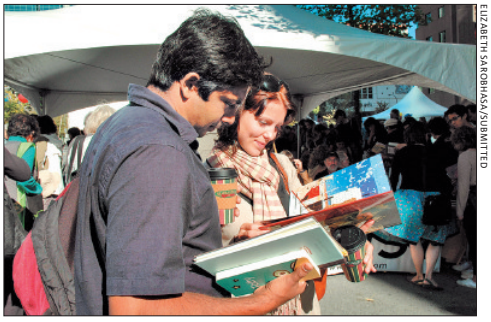
GEN HANDLEY
for Metro Vancouver

The word on the streets of Vancouver, according to Bryan Pike, is that poetry is seeing a resurgence.

"Yeah, I think there is a buzz around the whole poetry scene," says Pike, producer of the Vancouver Word on the Street Festival. "Having Shane Koyczan become a literary superstar after the Olympics and Vancouver having a poet laureate — there's definitely something happening in this city with that scene."

The Vancouver Word on the Street Festival will be celebrating not only poetry, but a wide range of literature when it holds its 16th festival at Library Square Marketplace September 26. Again, the event will have a number of tents hosting an array of different authors, magazine and book publishers and of course, poets, who Pike says, will be displaying their skills in some energetic, no-holds barred poetry slams.

"It's really a celebration of reading and literature," Pike explains. "We try to include everything."



ELIZABETH SAROBHASA/SUBMITTED

The 16th annual Word on the Street happens September 26.

More summer festival fun

- Alcan Dragon Boat Festival: June 19 - 20, 2010
- Caribbean Days Festival: July 24 - 25, 2010
- Vancouver Pride Festival: August 1, 2010
- Pacific National Exhibition: August 21 - September 6, 2010
- Vancouver Fringe Festival: September 8 - 19, 2010

This year, the festival will have added attention on less-mainstream forms of writing, including writing for movies, television and radio. There is also a focus on emerging technologies like online books with demonstrations and discussions.

"I think it's an exciting time with the advent of being able to download books," he says. "But then again, I'm also kind of a gadget-geek."

So the word on the street is "poetry?"

"Yeah, the word on the street definitely rhymes this year," Pike says.

He pauses for a couple of seconds.

"Maybe I shouldn't say that because most poetry doesn't rhyme," he adds with a laugh.

Festival makes light of stand up

DANIEL HENDRIKSEN
for Metro Vancouver

"What we really strive for is for people to see their really funny local talent performing the same night, on the same stage as some of the biggest names in comedy."
Will Davis, Global Comedy Festival

The seventh annual Global Comedy Festival will be taking place in Vancouver yet again this year from September 16 - 26.

Will Davis is the artistic director of the festival. He says it's host to some of the world's best comedic talent as well as some of the best local talent.

"What we really strive for is for people to see their really funny local talent performing the same night, on the same stage as some of the biggest names in comedy," says Davis. "As usual we'll be booking around 100 acts, lots of whom are local."

This year's talent roster isn't finalized, but there's no doubt is will be littered with some of the best comedians in the world. The likes of Carol Burnett, Jay Leno, Steve Martin, David Cross, and Zach Galifianakis have performed at the Comedy Festival in years past.

"This is the biggest comedy event on the west coast of North America. We've seen a lot of our local and emerging talent go on to comedy shows all over the continent. Some have done Leno and Letterman, they've also been seen on CBC and CTV," says Davis.

Some of those Canadian performers include George Stroumboulopoulos, Derek Edwards, Red Green (Steve Smith), Mike Macdonald along with many more.

The festival uses several venues over the ten days, including The Orpheum, The Centre for Performing Arts, The Vogue Theatre and Laffilines Comedy Club.

Davis, a comedian himself says attendance for the event has always been great and last year approximately 60,000 people attended. He adds there truly is something there for everyone.

"Although the theatre shows are typically adult, there are family shows including "Best of the Fest," which is always rated PG," he says.

Tickets go on sale in late June. Up to date info and tickets can be found at comedyfest.com.

Even more to laugh at

- Tracy Morgan, River Rock Show Theatre, June 4, 8 p.m.
- Penn and Teller, River Rock Show Theatre, June 11, 8 p.m.
- Tim Allen, Red Robinson Show Theatre, June 18, 8 p.m.
- Aziz Ansari: Dangerously Delicious Tour, Vogue Theatre, June 26, 7 p.m. & 9:30 p.m.
- Jerry Seinfeld, Queen Elizabeth Theatre, August 19, 7 p.m. & August 20, 7 p.m. & 9:30 p.m.
- Jo Koy, Commodore Ballroom, September 12, 7 p.m.

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Urban Foodie

The evolution of bar food

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Not so long ago, bar food typically referred to salted peanuts and chicken wings. Pre-cooked and frozen chicken wings, at that. Not so anymore.

The modern bar has evolved right alongside the refined appetites of local gastronomes, and the result is food that makes the line between watering holes and feeding troughs that much harder to find. Here, in no particular order, are some suggestions for top-notch bar food.

ANYA LEVYKH/FOR METRO VANCOUVER

Handmade Sloping Hills pork gyoza at The Diamond.

The Keefer Bar
135 Keefer St.
thekeefer.com

Located on the ground floor of the Keefer Hotel in Chinatown, this dark and low-hanging room is home to some of the city's best cocktails, thanks to bartender Dani Tatarin. As for the food, the menu is still in its infancy, with only six items to choose from. However, the $12 Chinese charcuterie platter is a winner with its housemade sausage, barbecued pork, Peking duck rillettes, Mantou bread, persimmon compote and hand-pickled vegetables.

The Diamond
6 Powell St.
di6mond.com

In nearby Gastown, this airy lounge sits overlooking Gassy Jack. While the cocktail menu may be a small encyclopaedia, the select food list has some clear winners, like the handmade gyoza filled with pork from Sloping Hills Farm. Lightly panfried and sprinkled with green onion and pickled mushrooms, it's a steal at $6, and a surprisingly good match with one of owner Josh Pape's award-winning cocktails.

The Pourhouse
162 Water St.
pourhousevancouver.com

While this spot falls more under the restaurant heading, there is no shortage of bar-worthy food to eat at what is one of the most beautiful bars (as in wood) in Gastown. And with barmen Jay Jones and Brian Grant at the helm, you can be sure the cocktails are extremely worthy. The Humboldt squid ($10), cut into thick, juicy steaks, scored, and grilled, then tossed with chillies, green onion and crispy garlic, is a thing of wonder.

Au Petit Chavignol
843 East Hastings St.
aupetitchavignol.com

For those who enjoy wine and cheese more than beer and nuts, this is the place to sample both. And for a larger snack, the croque madame ($11), made with ham, gruyere and béchamel sauce, topped with a sunny-side egg, hits the palate in just the right spot.

The Cascade Room
2616 Main St.
thecascade.ca

This long-standing Main Street favourite is home to barman Nick Devine and his classic cocktails. As for the food, the polenta fries ($6), crispy on the outside, soft and moist on the inside, are the thing to try, along with the side of curried mayo for dipping.

George Ultra Lounge
1137 Hamilton St.
georgelounge.com

It's as chic as its name, but the food is infinitely more about comfort, freshness and flavour. The Kobe beef burger ($16), with its ale-and-dijon-soaked cheddar topping, is as comfortable as it gets. Add the free-range runny egg for $3 for extra kicks.

The Refinery
1115 Granville St.
therefineryvancouver.com

The charcuterie and cheese selections are outstanding, and the wine list is one to work through. The grilled cheese sandwich ($10), however, with pancetta, tomato, caramelized onions and garlic aioli, is the winner, and is a wonderful, fresh take on a tired favourite.

Uva Wine Bar
900 Seymour St.
uvawinebar.ca

Located in the Moda hotel, this award-winning bar hits all the right notes with its polished interior, ridiculously good (and accessible) wine list, and off-the-track items like the deep-fried lamb's brains (oh, get over yourselves) with artichoke and salsa verde ($14).

On the web

- Chew more on Anya's blog at metronews.ca/vancouver/blog/136310.
- Read the full article online at metronews.ca/vancouver/columnist/40411.

Dining out

GRIFFINGS In celebration of their 18th anniversary, Griffins Restaurant at The Fairmont Hotel Vancouver is offering 50 per cent off all dinner items between 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. daily, running now until the end of September. Call 604-662-1900 for reservations. ANYA LEVYKH/FOR METRO VANCOUVER

In brief

AWARDS Blue Water Café & Raw Bar took top honours at the recent VanMag Restaurant Awards, winning Restaurant of the Year, Best Seafood, and Chef of the Year for EC Frank Pabst. In more awards news, Campagnolo was named Best New Restaurant, and Uva Wine Bar got the gold as Best Bar/Lounge. ANYA LEVYKH/FOR METRO VANCOUVER

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Fox to be a pirate?
With the Transformers franchise officially behind her, Megan Fox is looking for a new gig, and word is she has her sights set on the next Pirates of the Caribbean film, according to the Daily Mirror. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

No sense crying over spilt milk

HOW ABOUT CRYING OVER FLOUNDERING CAREERS? There's officially no more milkshake in Nas and Kelis' marriage.

Court filings show a judge on Friday dissolved the union between singer Kelis Rogers and rapper Nas, whose full name is Nasir Jones.

No other details were revealed.

Rogers, best known for her feisty tune Milkshake, filed for divorce last May, citing "irreconcilable differences."

Jones, considered one of rap's most popular artists, just released a collaborative album with reggae's Damian Marley.

Documents show the couple married in July 2003. Jones was ordered in December to pay more than $51,000 a month to Rogers and their infant son. Calls to Jones' attorney were not immediately returned. The office for Rogers' attorney said she declined to comment.
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On the couch again

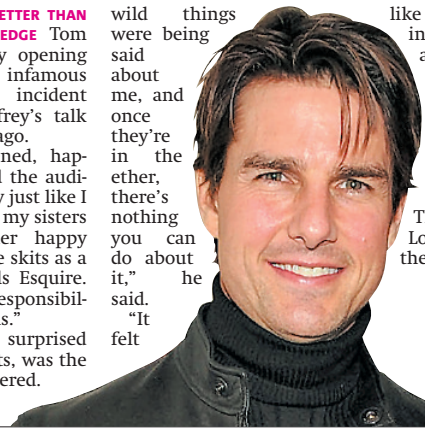
SUPPOSE THAT'S BETTER THAN BEING ON THE LEDGE Tom Cruise is finally opening up about his infamous couch-jumping incident on Oprah Winfrey's talk show five years ago.

"What happened, happened. I wanted the audience to be happy just like I wanted to make my sisters and my mother happy when I did those skits as a kid," Cruise tells Esquire.

"But I'll take responsibility for my actions."

What really surprised Cruise, he admits, was the reactions it garnered.

"Afterward, wild things were being said about me, and once they're in the ether, there's nothing you can do about it," he said.



"It felt like being the new kid in the schoolyard again and the other kids are whispering and whispering about you and suddenly you hear what they're saying, and you think, 'What? That didn't happen. Look at the reality of the situation.'"
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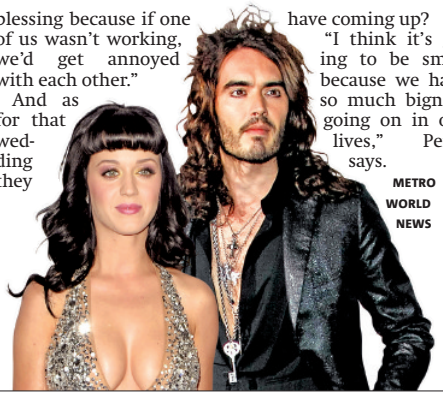
Perry pair the next Brangelina?

THE REAL QUESTION IS WHEN WILL COMBINING CELEB NAMES JUMP THE SHARK? Katy Perry is so satisfied with her relationship with Russell Brand that she can't help associating herself with some famous company.

"I do feel like the new Brangelina, with his movie coming out on Tuesday, Get Him to the Greek," she tells Ryan Seacrest, comparing them to Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie.

"Everything is happening at the same time, which is somewhat of a blessing because if one of us wasn't working, we'd get annoyed with each other."



And as for that wedding they have coming up?

"I think it's going to be small because we have so much bigness going on in our lives," Perry says.
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DeGeneres launches label

BECAUSE KNOWING NOTHING ABOUT MUSIC QUALIFIES YOU TO RUN OTHER PEOPLE'S CAREERS Ellen DeGeneres is getting into the music mogul business, starting a record label, eleveneleven, and signing YouTube sensation Greyson Chance, she announced on her talk show.

Chance, who shot to fame after a video of him performing Lady Gaga's "Paparazzi" was posted online, will be co-managed by Gaga's manager, Troy Carter, and Madonna's manager, Guy Oseary.

"It's crazy thinking about 30 million people," Chance said during his second appearance on DeGeneres' show.

"It just makes me happy. It really just hasn't sunken in yet. It has been two weeks and it still hasn't sunken in yet. It's awesome."
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Lohan changes up her locks

SHHH! SHE'S IN DISGUISE While she's been holed up laying low in a Beverly Hills hotel since getting fitted for an alcohol-monitoring anklet, Lindsay Lohan has found one way to amuse herself: going blonde.

The natural redhead spent more than five hours at the Andy LeCompte Salon in West Hollywood, finally emerging after 10 p.m. with platinum blonde locks, according to TMZ. While she smiled for the waiting paparazzi, Lohan had nothing to say about her current situation.
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Follow these celebrities on Twitter...

CelebTweets

BRITNEY SPEARS finds new ways to entertain her kids, **CONAN O'BRIEN** is in vaunted company, **KELLY OSBOURNE** has trouble getting out of the house, and **ASHTON KUTCHER** is curious about linguistics.

@britneyspears I love to take my boys on car drives, and sing songs to them about Mary Poppins that I make up.

@ConanOBrien Today I got my 1,000,000th Twitter follower! I am now in the realm of Gods like Ashton, Bieber, Mariah, and updates on new Dell products.

@MissKellyO I'm late for the gym because I got in the car then realized I forgot to brush my teeth :(that's the worst!

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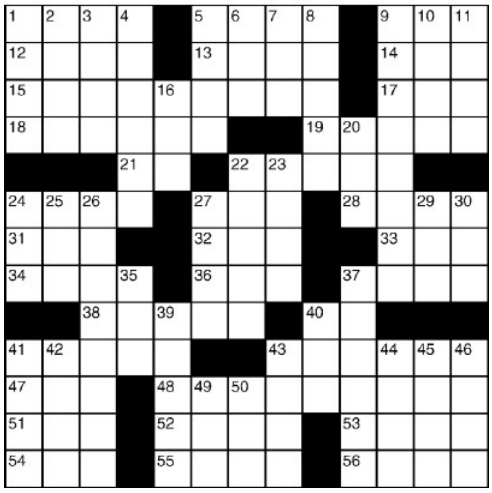

ACROSS

1 Fusses
5 Thick slice
9 Do some lawn-work
12 Former frosh
13 Head light?
14 Mimic
15 Longtime partner of Mike Nichols
17 "Uh-huh"
18 In cahoots
19 Minimum
21 Infinitive part
22 Shorthand developer
24 Staffer
27 "Chances —"
28 Nonsense
31 Miss Piggy's pronoun
32 Has the skill
33 Corn spike
34 Shove
36 Cambridge sch.
37 Pound of verse
38 "Psycho" setting
40 Firefighter's need
41 Old saying
43 Wool provider
47 Trigger's passenger
48 Pilgrims' ship
51 Lamb's dam
52 Docking site
53 Bag
54 Moreover
55 Approximately
56 "— Wide Shut"

DOWN

1 On the briny
2 Barbie, e.g.
3 October stone
4 Certain Muslim
5 Molt
6 Felon's flight
7 Chicken — king
8 Peter of "Young Frankenstein"
9 Puerto Rican port city
10 Piece of work
11 Cried
16 Opposite of paleo-
20 Early bird?
22 "The Da Vinci Code" topic
23 Landlord's due
24 Pump up the volume
25 Debtor's letters
26 Robbed of resolution
27 Wile E.'s supplier
29 Distant
30 Monk's address
35 Glutton
37 Show
39 Beat
40 Every crumb
41 Neighborhood
42 This way
43 Roundish do
44 Vacationing
45 R&B singer Winans
46 Crude craft
49 Melody
50 "Of course"

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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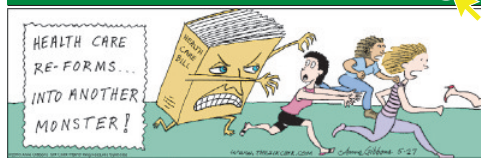

Metro Recipe of the Day

Quick Fish Tacos

Recipe submitted by Paula Bowman
Photo: Carlo Mendoza
PREP TIME: 10 MINUTES
COOK TIME: 10 MINUTES

INGREDIENTS:

1 tbsp olive oil, plus more for greasing sheet pan
1/2 white onion, very thinly sliced
2 cups ice water
1 tbsp lime juice
1 tbsp finely chopped jalapeno pepper
1/4 tsp ground cumin
1 1/4 lb tilapia fillets, or other firm white fish (e.g. haddock, mahi mahi or bass)|
8 (6-inch) whole-wheat or corn tortillas
2 cups finely shredded red cabbage
1 cup deli fresh store-bought salsa, drained
1/2 cup fresh cilantro leaves for garnish, optional

METHOD:

1. Preheat broiler to high. Line a rimmed sheet pan with tinfoil, lightly grease with olive oil and set aside. Stack tortillas and wrap in tinfoil, set aside. Place onion slices in ice water for 10 minutes, drain well and set aside.
2. Place wrapped tortillas on bottom rack of oven for 10-15 minutes until warmed through.
3. Meanwhile, in a small bowl, combine lime juice, olive oil, jalapeno and cumin and stir. Arrange tilapia on prepared sheet pan and brush tops of fillets with jalapeno mixture. Broil fish 3 to 4-inches from heat until just cooked through, about 7 - 10 minutes. Break fish into large chunks and transfer to serving plate.
4. To assemble tacos, fill tortillas with fish, onions, cabbage, salsa, drizzle with lime sour cream and garnish with cilantro, if desired.

SERVES 4

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You need to be free to pursue your own interests, in your own way. Others may say you are being selfish but how do they know what you need?

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
The full moon warns that you won't be able to force others to do as you say. If you want them to go along with your plans you must show them the benefit.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Don't give way just because you cannot be bothered to argue. If you let rivals think they have won they will make your life a misery tomorrow.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Focus on little, everyday things for a while. You'll feel less emotional about the situation tomorrow.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
It's highly likely that you will disagree with someone over something important. In the greater scheme of things it's really of minor significance.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
If you feel the need to let off steam today do so. You may look controlled but on the inside your feelings are all over the place. Let them out

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You seem to be in one of those moods when you enjoy provoking an argument. Hopefully you won't make too many waves.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Don't take risks with money today. The odds are not in your favor. Whether or not it is your own cash you are putting at risk is beside the point.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You will see both sides of an argument. You'll still think that your view is right but will realize that it's one of many possible ways of doing something

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
You may be in need of a hug and a few kind words but you'll be lucky if you get them. Others are too concerned with their own issues.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
It may seem to others that you are being selfish as you want your own way all the time, and maybe you are, but why should you settle for anything less?

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Duty and desire will pull you in different directions today and the tension could get a bit much for your sensitive Pisces nature.

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